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Michigan soldiers prepare for **Afghanistan** deployment

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About 170 Army National Guard soldiers from Michigan are preparing for a 12month deployment to Afghanistan.

The soldiers are from the Pontiac-based 1775th Military Police Company. They're scheduled to leave today for training in Texas before heading overseas. Once in Afghanistan, they plan to mentor, train and conduct operations with the Afghan National Police Forces. The 1775th deployed in 2003 and 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is made up of many veterans of that mission and soldiers from companies within the 210th Military Police Battalion.

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